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Art Unit: 1712

For: **PACKER FLUID**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Submitted herewith are several references which have come to the applicant's attention and which may be deemed relevant to the above-identified application, together with form PTO/SB/08A listing the references.

It is requested that these references be made of record in the present application.

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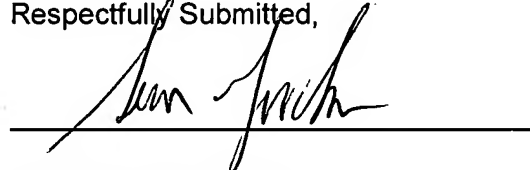
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